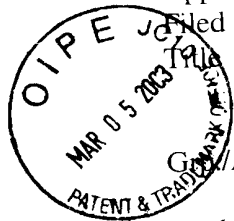


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19.

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) A device for the plasma treatment of objects in a vacuum comprising;
- a box-shaped structure of an electrically conductive material defining a vacuum chamber to which a vacuum may be applied,
 - a support for supporting and electrically insulating the objects from the surrounding box-shaped structure,
 - said box-shaped structure including at least one opening that can be opened for ingress and egress of objects and closed,
 - said box-shaped structure including a working gas inlet for supplying a working gas and a working gas outlet for discharging the working gas,